



Top Docs

A national study reveals 304 outstanding local physicians in 30 specialties. Say aaaah.

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This is a list of physicians whom other physicians hold in the highest regard. The list was compiled by the Washington, DC-based Center for the Study of Services (CSS), a nonprofit consumer research organization that specializes in providing consumers information to help them choose the best hospitals, health plans, and physicians. The listed physicians will be included in the Center's book, *Top Doctors*, which will be published this summer.

CSS sent a questionnaire to nearly all of the more than 4,500 office-based and hospital-based physicians in Maricopa County and asked each physician to recommend the specialists he or she would "consider most desirable for care of a loved one." The list includes the physicians who were mentioned by the largest numbers of their peers.

The list shows the number of times each physician was mentioned. It is reassuring, of course, if a physician was mentioned by a substantial number of his or her peers. In some specialties in which the number of multiple mentions was large relative to the number of specialists in the field, CSS set the cutoff for listing at four mentions, six mentions, or even more. In other specialties, any physician with three or more mentions is listed. There are certainly many excellent physicians in the Phoenix area other than those who met the cutoff to be listed here. In particular, in primary care fields (family practice, internal medicine, and pediatrics), which have a large number of practitioners, mentions were spread over many physicians but relatively few received three or more mentions.

Physicians are listed according to the specialty for which they were recommended. A few were recommended in more than one specialty.

Sturgeon, G. Delaney (5 mentions)
West Virginia U, 1985
Certification: Geriatric Medicine, Internal
Medicine, Nephrology
7331 E Osborn Dr #220, Scottsdale 602-994-1238
10250 N 92nd St #112, Scottsdale 602-994-1238

Yee, Berne (13 mentions)
U of Arizona, 1981
Certification: Internal Medicine, Nephrology
6707 N 19th Ave #109, Phoenix 602-246-6616

Neurological Surgery

Barranco, F. David (10 mentions)
U of Southern California, 1983
Certification: Neurological Surgery
345 E Virginia Ave, Phoenix 602-254-3151

Christensen, Fred (10 mentions)
U of Utah, 1963
Certification: Neurological Surgery
560 W Brown Rd #2010, Mesa 602-964-7790
9220 E Mountain View Rd #213, Scottsdale
602-991-7777

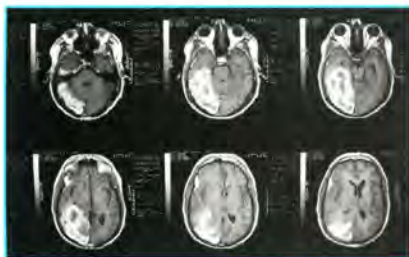
Ercius, Mark (8 mentions)
U of Illinois, 1978
Certification: Neurological Surgery
1520 S Dobson Rd #318, Mesa 602-833-5209

Kriegsfeld, Barry (11 mentions)
George Washington U, 1969
Certification: Neurological Surgery
345 E Virginia Ave, Phoenix 602-254-3151

Manwaring, Kim (11 mentions)
U of Washington, 1979
Certification: Neurological Surgery
909 E Brill St, Phoenix 602-239-4880

Sonntag, Volker (13 mentions)
U of Arizona, 1971
Certification: Neurological Surgery
2910 N 3rd Ave, Phoenix 602-406-3181

Spetzler, Robert (30 mentions)
Northwestern U, 1971
Certification: Neurological Surgery
2910 N 3rd Ave, Phoenix 602-406-3181



Neurology

Bernes, Saunder (8 mentions)
Northwestern U, 1977
Certification: Neurology with
Special Quals in Child Neurology, Pediatrics
909 E Brill St, Phoenix 602-239-4855

Epstein, Michael (8 mentions)
Loyola U Chicago, 1974
Certification: Neurology
5251 W Campbell Ave #209, Phoenix
602-843-3811
5757 W Thunderbird Rd #E454, Glendale
602-843-3811

Frey, James (7 mentions)
Duke U
Certification: Neurology
10210 N 92nd St #302, Phoenix 602-314-2099

Grainger, William (7 mentions)
U of Arizona, 1981
Certification: Neurology
560 W Brown Rd #2010, Mesa 602-834-8885

Hendin, Barry (18 mentions)
Washington U, 1968
Certification: Neurology
2720 N 20th St #125, Phoenix 602-279-5611

Kahn, Leo (6 mentions)
Robert W Johnson Med Sch, 1987
Certification: Neurology
6036 N 19th Ave #202, Phoenix 602-433-9733

Kaplan, Allen (12 mentions)
Loyola U Chicago, 1966
Certification: Neurology with Special Quals in Child
Neurology, Pediatrics
909 E Brill St, Phoenix 602-239-4855

Powers, J. Michael (8 mentions)
U of Iowa, 1971
Certification: Neurology
525 N 18th St #602, Phoenix 602-271-0950

Reese, Gary (5 mentions)
U of Illinois, 1975
Certification: Internal Medicine, Neurology
7331 E Osborn Dr #110, Scottsdale 602-947-7671

Steier, Jeffrey (5 mentions)
SUNY-Buffalo, 1978
Certification: Clinical Neurophysiology, Neurology
10210 N 92nd St #302, Scottsdale 602-314-2099

Yudell, Alan (5 mentions)
SUNY-Brooklyn, 1957
Certification: Neurology, Neurology with Special
Quals in Child Neurology
2720 N 20th St #125, Phoenix 602-279-5611

Obstetrics/Gynecology

Abate, Salvatore (3 mentions)
New Jersey Med Sch, 1963
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
1520 S Dobson Rd #218, Mesa 602-833-8551

Agee, Charlie (3 mentions)
U of Washington, 1982
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
5601 W Eugie Ave #100, Glendale 602-978-1500

Alfano, Charles (3 mentions)
Temple U, 1970
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
500 W Thomas Rd #850, Phoenix
602-234-1300

Crawford, Scott (3 mentions)
U of Texas-Galveston, 1976
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
202 E Earll Dr #450, Phoenix 602-241-1671
4350 E Ray Rd #117, Phoenix 602-759-9191

Elliott, John (4 mentions)
U of Colorado, 1972
Certification: Maternal & Fetal Medicine,
Obstetrics & Gynecology
1331 N 7th St #275, Phoenix 602-257-8118
1450 S Dobson Rd #B321, Mesa
602-528-0067
5310 W Thunderbird Rd #215, Glendale
602-528-0060

Haas, Ingrid (5 mentions)
Oregon Health Sciences U Sch of Med, 1975
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
10615 N Hayden Rd Bldg C #102, Scottsdale
602-483-9011

Hanss, Joseph (6 mentions)
SUNY-Buffalo, 1961
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
2320 N 3rd St Bldg C, Phoenix 602-258-3262

Kubby, Laurel (3 mentions)
U of Iowa
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
2034 N 3rd St, Phoenix 602-252-0202

Linn, Stephen (3 mentions)
U of North Dakota, 1986
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
3501 N Scottsdale Rd #280, Scottsdale
602-945-6583
9755 N 90th St #A200, Scottsdale 602-391-0944

Mouer, James (12 mentions)
U of Nebraska, 1964
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
500 W Thomas Rd #800, Phoenix
602-406-3715
240 W Thomas Rd, Phoenix 602-248-8304

Pachtman, Judith (6 mentions)
U of Kentucky, 1978
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
1450 S Dobson Rd Fl 2, Mesa 602-461-1161

Rockwell, Michael (5 mentions)
U of Colorado, 1973
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
202 E Earll Dr #450, Phoenix 602-241-1671
4350 E Ray Rd #117, Phoenix 602-759-9191

Sattenspiel, Edward (4 mentions)
New York Med Coll, 1944
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
222 W Thomas Rd #207, Phoenix
602-248-8962

Smith, Marshall (10 mentions)
U of Texas-Galveston
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
926 E McDowell Rd #125, Phoenix
602-254-3900
4545 E Shea Blvd #120, Phoenix
602-254-3900

Welch, Kenneth (4 mentions)
U of Tennessee
Certification: Obstetrics & Gynecology
10615 N Hayden Rd #400, Scottsdale
602-948-5051

Ophthalmology

Bloemker, E. Fredrick (4 mentions)
Indiana U, 1965
Certification: Ophthalmology
500 W Thomas Rd #250, Phoenix 602-263-9345
3201 W Peoria Ave #C603, Phoenix 602-863-2936
7125 E Lincoln Dr #B215, Scottsdale
602-998-3398

Bullington, Ann (8 mentions)
U of Arizona, 1984
Certification: Ophthalmology
3330 N 2nd St #501, Phoenix 602-266-6888

Bullington, Robert (11 mentions)
U of Arizona, 1985
Certification: Ophthalmology
3330 N 2nd St #501, Phoenix 602-266-6888